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WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 28, 1874-DOUBLE SHEET.

DISTRICT INVESTIGATION YESTERDAY.

PORTANT EXPLANATION BY GOVERNO DEPHEED-CONTRACTOR STRONG NOT ORTHCOMING-PAT CULLINAME ON THE DOLLARS-MORE WITNESSES WANTED.

o order by Mr. Wilson. The journal of yesterd

. Have you any wit:

ow. I want to know in what form the com can enforce obedience to their subbe Mr. Christy. I desire to call attention nov trong, who wrote a letter to this tee saying that he had been ill, but be here to-morrow. That was some ys ago. I understand that he has been seen the streets, and apparently in good health lesire to have his attendance compelled.

Wilson. Who is the other? Mr. Christy We had subpœnsed also Patric Mr. Hamilton. Perhaps Mr. Strong

be notified that he is wanted!

r. Wilson, Have you ady this morning! Mr. Christy. We will call Mr. Krebs. TESTIMONY OF CHARLES W. ERESS.

rles W. Krebs having been duly sworn

Q. Had he any other clerk! A. Yes, str.
Q. Who was he? A. Well, sir, he had a
young man by the name of Thomas P. Morgan.
Q. What was his business; what part of it
did he do? A. He generally attended to the

Q. Who kept all the books that were kept!
A. Well, sir, I kept some of them, and Mr.
Morgan kept the others; but it was not what

Chairman. I have had two or three com Samuel Strong, and I am sorry I call the attention of counsel to that store.

Mr. Christy, It is this: "Admitting that the actual cost order estimate is the sum named in the charge, and the actual cost below estimate has been, on the various contracts enumerated, \$709,867.90; and then upon that bests an inference is made." I desire to call attention to the column showing the actual cost below estimate. I want to call attention first to page 310 of the Governor's answer. I only desire to call the attention of the committee to several of the prominent contracts, and they may be classified. For instance: the first contract is that of George Neitzey, No. 28. It is here stated that the actual cost below estimate is \$7,586,84. There is the maighted explanation: see contracts Nos. 2, 73, and 178. My inference from that is this, and gentlemen will correct me if I am wrong, that a portion of that work was embraced in these other contracts enumerated. Am I correct in that gentlemen?

Mr. Mattingiv. I do not know, sir; I have

Governor Shepherd. Contract 28, page 346, of the Governor's answer, shows that the contract was with George Neitzey, that the contract was with George Neitzey, that the contract was \$50,503.53; that the estimated cost was \$5,659,57; that the estimated cost was \$5,858.54. This you refer to is added to contract 8, 78 and 172. By turning to 10, contract 8, which is of the same party, George Neitzey, you will see that the total cost of that contract was \$6,964.41; the estimated cost \$3,513.95, and the astual cost ower estimate was \$4,460.46. Turn to contract No. 73, and it will be seen that in that case the contract was with the same party, and that the sciual cost was \$18,989.08; that the estimated cost was but \$1,815.78, and that the increase over estimate was \$41,718.51. If you turn to contract 172, a contract with the same ntract 178, a contract with the of the contract 10, a contract while the actual cost of the contract was \$6,954.41; the estimated cost was \$1,954.65, and the excess of actual cost over the estimate, \$5,099.58. It will be seen that these three contracts refer to the same work, and that the estimate in our case, it was so made up that in one case, it was so made up that in one case, it was so made up that in one case, it was so made up that in one case, it was so made up that in one case, it

Who composed the company! A. I do now who are the company. It is called D. Evans & Co. first desire to know whether it was the John O. Evans and George W. Linvillet sir. there not a partnership existing between I know of. there not been within the company of the contracts want to be taken together as a whole in order to get the proper understanding of them. You will find that by adding up the actual increase, as act down, and then deducting from it the decrease in 28, that the percentage is very small.

Mr. Stowart. The aggregate percentage is very small.

ty-two.

Mr. Baas. They all have reion Twelfth street!
Governor Shepherd. Tes.
Mr. Christy. I next call stite
4 H. H. Binesem, Marginal

estimate embraces work "done under contract 359."

Governor Shepherd. Turn to contract 44, H. H. Bigelow. It shows total cost under the contract, \$147,080; the estimated cost was \$348,386,19.

Hr. Thurman. Here is an arror. It easy actual cost below estimates, \$6,000; whereas the actual cost below estimates is \$96,000.

The Chairman. These was work and the estimated and fifty-nine is the same contract, for the curbing and footwalks of that street, and the estimated cost in contract 44, mile contract 359. Now if you will add together \$147,060, the actual cost of contract 339, \$58,739.73, is will make—

Q. Aday-book, or blotter? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Well, what else. Did you here a ledger?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you keep all the account in the same book! Was there the same set of books for all the business of John O. Evans & Co.J. A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did you seep show books brought here by John O. Evans & Co.J. A. Yes, sir.
Q. When did you make the entries in those books! A. I never touched those books; those rooks were kept up at the other office, on the corner of Fourteenth street and New York ave since.
Q. Then he has two offices! A. He had, sir, up to last October; I think. That office was brought down bure, and both of them carried on in one place.
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Q. Who took your place! A. Well, sir, I believe so. I was most there. I have been absent some one is down there now in Mr. Evans office—Mr. H. C. Evans.
Q. So that you are not now the clerk of John O. Evans & Co.J. A. Yes, sir; I have been unwell.
Q. When did your employment begin again?
A. About two weeks ago. I came back just three weeks ago. I came ba

Washington, D. C., March N, 1874.
To all whom if may concern:
I hereby certify that I am professionally attending Mr. S. Strong, who is at present not able to leave his room—suffering from general compastion.

George McCor, M. D.

The Chairman. I stated to the gentleman who brought this that we would not call Mr. Strong that day, and I have not heard from him since. We will have him sent for.

[A subpens was ordered to be issued immediately for Sammel Strong.]

Mr. Christy. I am only calling attention to what I regarded as the types of the various classes.

Governor Shapherd. What was the ment one for consequence, and with which we could oc-

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

A LIVELY PASSAGE IN THE SEMATE-NO PORTED AND BILLS PASSED-DELIS QUENT OFFICIALS TO BE CALLED ON.

thorising the Secretary of Interior to gri for tell-gates throughout the park, pro shall fix the rates of tells, &c. Mr. WINDOM, from Committee on

The bill to rel

States above par, or for the surrent expenses of the Government.

Mr. LOGAN opposed the amendment. He said it meant simply that none of the additional money already voted for should be issued.

Mr. MORRILL medited his amendment to provide that no part of the additional issue "shall be used for the purchase of United States beads."

Mr. FERRY, of Mich, was in favor of leaving the section as it passed the Senate yesterday. That put the diposition of the additional amend at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, and he (Mr. Funny) thought it should be left there, and the Secretary held responsible before the country for his section.

Mr. MORTON said the elviess intent of the amendment was to defeat the action of the Senate yesterday. He mid it was all amendment the amendment would be vested down.

amendment would be voted down.

Mr. MORRILL said he would withdraw his amendment, and see what kind of a bill the ma-

Mr. MacDOUGALL, et N. T., reported till for relief of Mary E. Walker, and it legred to the Committee on War Claims.

tismen of the Senate and gentlamen of the Rouse
of Comment: I have convoked Purliament at the
earliest moment consistent with the delay estable
by the recent discolution. Year attention will
be invited during the present section to measure
having reference to the representation of the
people in Parliament, embracing the system new
prevailing in Great Britain and in most other
estatics enjoying constitutional government, of
taking votes by ballet, and to the establishment
of a general court of appeals.

Measures will also be submitted for the amendment of the laws relative to entireverted elections, militis and impolyency.

The operiment of 1872 respecting the Union
Pacific ridipped having failed to secure the presecution of this great enterprise, yes will be called
upon to consider what plan will best and indespecifity provide means of trans-continuated communication with British Columbia.

The Piport of the chief engineer will be laid
before you, showing what progress was made
during the past year in surveys connected with
the proposed line. The destruction of the railway effices by fire involved a vertous loss of unpaplans mad papors, the possession of which would
have upde the report more complete.

OpenLand harbor improvements are being vigcreately presecuted, with a view to insure adequate
accommodations for the rapidly growing trade of
the country.

The report of the chief ongineer of the Bepartment of Public Works on the proposed chasal
between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of
Punday will be submitted for your counidention.

With the progress already made in the countraction of the inter-Columbia Railway, snother year
will be required to complete it. A report indiseting its actual condition will be introduced to vest
in the Department of Public Works the powers
now expressed by the Beast of Railway Commiscitioners.

The question of the compensation due the Do-

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held amenable, to the law regardeds of where they some from, or by whom produced, whether of Oalibernia or Eastern production."

The commissioner of internal pyrounce has addressed a circular letter to all coffectors of internal revenue, calling their attention to a recent decision of the Supreme Court where it is held that the Government may bring an action for the recovery of taxes not only of such as are assessed but also of those which are not assessed, and likewise of those which, as account of the statute of limitations, are not catesamble. The commissionic says: If advide that you will start your solves to discover all cases in your distinct where only taxes cannot now be assessed (Owing the limitation of section 26, set of March 3, 1967, which out a warver of those limitations by the tax-payer, in all those cases you will notify the delinquents that if they make a written waiver of their legal rights under those others accessed without penalty. But meases where delinquents neglect or remain to take this course you will at once report the facts to the proper United States district attorney, referring him at the same time to the Supreme Court. In view of the importance of action in this matter collectors are urgate prompt action."

The following was reasting in a real hands.

WURDER BY INDIANS.

TAX OR INITATION WINES.

PINANCIAL EXHIBIT

terday agreed to allow the dancemay appartions claimed on account of the Mint Be.
The official of that office inform the count that the demand for the trade dollar and the age necessary to stepply the demand has out the anercoristions allowed, and induced the anercoristions allowed, and induced

VIRGINIA DEBT

MESSAGE OF GOVERNOR KEMPER.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE errano claima per victory d

GREAT BRITAIN.

PRABUE.

PROBLETTON BY S. IN AN TOLERO, March St.—The probable convention justiced by the second states in easy officers, appetrate or meetings, and resolved that the the liquer traffic to the most important the property of the pro

SEWER BEPLOSION

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL!